

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HJR 88**

February 28, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Urges the Tennessee State Board of Education, in cooperation with local education agencies (LEAs), to develop and provide to all students in the State age-appropriate and culturally-sensitive, instruction which aids in the development of knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors conducive to the adoption and maintenance of healthy lifestyle habits relating to eating habits and a physically active lifestyle.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the Department of Education and LEAs develop and provide specific instruction as proposed by the resolution, costs could exceed \$5,000,000 to the state and exceed \$1,000,000 to local governments.**

#### **Assumptions:**

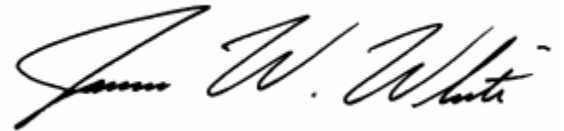
- Since this resolution urges but does not mandate the development and implementation by LEAs of additional instruction related to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, the cost of this resolution is estimated to be not significant. It is assumed that topics such as healthy eating and the importance of physical activity is currently addressed to some extent in Lifetime Wellness, Health and Biology classes.
- However, to the extent the Department of Education and the LEAs develop and provide specific instruction pertaining to this subject matter to all students in the state public schools (approximately 900,000), state and local government expenditures would increase.
- To provide such instruction, the Department of Education estimates that the following would be required: a Health Consultant, a P.E. Consultant, two support staff, nine Wellness Coordinators in nine field offices across the state, and funds to provide professional development to the LEAs. At least 150 additional Wellness teachers would also be required statewide (assumes a state/local share).

For information purposes, the Department of Education has developed a Physical Activity Task Force consisting of representatives from the appropriate agencies and organizations, physical education teachers, nutrition specialists, and other experts for the purpose of developing and disseminating recommendations to all LEAs in physical activity and nutrition.

In addition, under the Coordinated School Health Program (TCA 49-1-1001 et seq) there are 10 on-going pilot programs each receiving \$1,000,000 to address the health needs of the students, including but not limited to, health services, health education, school counseling, school nutrition services, physical activity, and family and community involvement to enhance student health.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director